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SEATING OF DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

REF: GEORGETOWN 1981

1. IN FIRST PLENARY SESSIONOF IBA CONFERENCE (TUESDAY 11/5)
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DELEGATES FROM AUSTRALIA, GUINEA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, SIERRA LEONE,

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SURINAM, AND YUGOSLAVIA DEALT WITH SEATING OF OBSERVERS AND CONFIRMATION OF GUDA AS SECGEN. OBSERVER STATUS WAS CONFIRMED ON REPRESENTATIVES OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GHANA AND HAITI, BUT NO RPT NO DECISION TAKEN ON THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP. OPPOSITION AROSE TO SEATING OF GREEK DELEGATION AS OBSERVERS BECAUSE ITS REPRESENTATIVES SO FAR ARE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS (GEORGE COUMOULOS AND GEORGE BARLOS) RATHER THAN GOVT SPOKESMEN. AS OF END OF TUESDAY SESSION GREEKS WERE NOT RPT NOT SEATED. INDIAN GOVT HAS ALSO REQUESTD OBSERVER STATUS BUT ACCORDING TO HICOM OFFICIAL NO RPT NO RESPONSE FORTHCOMING.

2. FROM PRESS AND PRIVATE ACCOUNTS, AS EXPECTED, FIRST DAY SESSION DID NOT RPT NOT ADDRESS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, ALTHOUGH JAMAICAN DELEGATES REPORTEDLY TOOK LEAD AND RAISED QUESTION OF MULTINATIONALS, URGING MEMBERS TO RENEGOTIATE CONTRACTS WITH SAME. JAMAICAN LEADERSHIP ROLE WAS ALSO EVIDENT AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY SURINAM DELEGATION TUESDAY EVENING (11/5). JAMAICANS APPEARED HIGH SPIRITED AND VOLUBLE, BUT AS WITH OTHER IBA REPS AVOIDED GIVING AWAY ANY PRIVY INFORMATION, AT MIXED GATHERING OF DELEGATES, OBSERVERS, GOG OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS,AND CONFERENCE STAFF.

3. COMMENT- IF ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO ISSUES SUCH AS PRICING, DEALING WITH TRANSNATIONALS, OR OTHER SUBSTANCE ON FIRST DAY, IT IS CLOSELY HELD SECRET. JAMAICAN DELEGATION SEEMS TO BE BEST PREPARED OF GROUP, AND WILL PROBABLY BE BEHIND IT IF FORMULATION OF ANY POLICY REGARDING MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS DEVELOPS. JAMAICANS BROUGHT ALONG TWO OF THEIR OWN INTERPRETERS TO AID CONFERENCE EVEN THOUGH GOG OBTAINED TWO PROFESSIONAL ONES FROM VENEZUELA AND PERU. JAMAICANS HAVE ALSO BROUGHT U.S. CITIZEN FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM IN NEW YORK. SINCE WEDNESDAY (11/6) WILL BE ONLY FULL DAY SESSION REMAINING, (AFTERNOON OF 11/7 TOG HAS LAID ON TRIP TO GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY PLANT AT LINDEN AND 11/8 MEETING IS ONLY FOR HALF DAY) UNLESS MATTERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO IBA, OBSERVERS STATUS, ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS, ETC. CAN BE QUICKLY RESOLVED, IT MOST LIKELY THAT MAJOR ISSUES OF IBA POLICY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE FORMULATED. KREBS UNQUOTE MAW

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